

# BURLINGTON ON TAP

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## Integrated Water Quality Plan

Following years of development and review, the City of Burlington anticipates issuance of a final Integrated Water Quality Permit from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation later this year.

The final permit will serve as a consolidated plan for Burlington to meet various State and Federal regulatory requirements, with consideration of local water quality goals, cost effectiveness and, most importantly, the community's priorities. City staff will be presenting the final project portfolio selected to City Council, DPW Commission, and the Neighborhood Planning Assemblies throughout March and April. Keep an eye out for presentation announcements or reach out to Jenna Olson, Water Policy & Programs Manager at [jolson@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:jolson@burlingtonvt.gov).



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## Great Streets – Main Street



### Great Streets BTV Main Street Project

The City of Burlington has recently relaunched the next design and construction project for downtown Burlington – the Great Streets BTV Main Street Revitalization project. The project will focus on renewing the Main Street corridor from South Union to Battery by rebalancing space within the right of way to accommodate all modes of transportation.

The design will include improvements to underground utilities, installation of public art, and functional landscaping that will support street ecology and manage stormwater to help keep pollutants out of Lake Champlain. If voters approve the Annual City Meeting ballot item, the City's Downtown TIF District will fund the \$30M comprehensive renewal of Main Street without impacting local property taxes. The public engagement effort is under way – and we want to hear from you! To learn more about this project and view a list of upcoming project meetings, please visit [greatstreetsbtv.com](http://greatstreetsbtv.com). To learn more about the City's Downtown Tax Increment Financing Plan, please visit [burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Downtown-TIF-District](http://burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Downtown-TIF-District).

## Reservoir Pump House Rehabilitation

The City's drinking water system is generally broken into two areas - low service, and high service. The City maintains two elevated tanks to provide the higher water pressure necessary for properties from Willard Street, eastward to UVM Medical Center.

The City's 1867 reservoir pump station houses the pumps that fill our two elevated water tanks. The City's current plan is to retire the 155 year old pump station, and construct a new facility adjacent to the existing one. The design of this new station will allow us to better utilize our entire 7 million gallon storage capacity.



## Redstone Water Tank Rehabilitation

The City's Redstone Water Tank was constructed in 1934. As you may imagine, the nearly 100 year old tank is in need of major rehabilitation including safety modifications, sandblasting, and repainting both inside and out. Work will further include construction of a new antenna corral to properly mount cellular and local antennae back on the tank after rehabilitation is complete.

To facilitate work, everything currently on the tank must be removed and placed on a temporary tower next to the existing tank. The project will take approximately 5 months, and is slated to begin in April. There should be no disruption in water service while the project is underway - but if you have questions, please contact us at (802) 863-4501 or [water-resources@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:water-resources@burlingtonvt.gov).

## General Reminders

- Stay informed! Sign up for **VTAlert** and make sure you never miss an urgent alert about water breaks, parking bans, severe weather, and more. Sign up today at: [burlingtonvt.gov/btv-alerts](http://burlingtonvt.gov/btv-alerts)
- Water Resources is offering two **rebate programs** for customers. You can now receive up to \$75 back for the purchase of a WaterSense Certified plumbing fixture, or up to \$250 back for a video inspection of your sewer service! For more information on these programs, visit: [burlingtonvt.gov/water/WRAP](http://burlingtonvt.gov/water/WRAP)
- The City is continuing its **SARS-CoV2 Wastewater Surveillance Program**, in collaboration with the Vermont Dept. of Health and participating research partners at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and the University of Vermont. You can learn more about this program by visiting: [burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19/wastewater](http://burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19/wastewater)
- **Don't Flush It!** Items like wipes, feminine hygiene products, and paper towels - even when they're labeled "flushable" - should always be placed in the trash. These items, along with other kitchen refuse like compost and grease, cause serious and costly clogs to the sewer system. So when in doubt, throw it out! For more information visit: [burlingtonvt.gov/wastewater/Flushing-Facts](http://burlingtonvt.gov/wastewater/Flushing-Facts)

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